

January 19, 2023

Dear Iowa Legislator:

On January 10, we sent emails to ALL Iowa legislators. We have the following all-important addition to that communication. The second page is the communication sent via email on January 10.

On September 8, 2022, the California legislature **halted ALL CO2 activities** via SB 905 until they can, "evaluate the efficacy, safety, and viability of CCUS and carbon dioxide removal (CDR) technologies..."

Here is more of the legislative bill language and following that, sources.

Under SB 905, by January 1, 2025, CARB must adopt regulations creating a state permitting framework for approval of CCS and CDR projects. Along with its strong message of support for CCS, SB 905, as noted above, has also created some uncertainty around the practical implementation of CCS projects. **It temporarily bans the transfer of CO₂ through pipelines, until the U.S. Department of Transportation's Pipelines and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration updates its pipeline safety requirements.**

Sources:

[California's 2022 Proposed Final Scoping Plan | The Nickel Report \(huttonnickelreportblog.com\)](https://huttonnickelreportblog.com/californias-2022-proposed-final-scoping-plan/)

[California Legislature Passes Four Aggressive Climate Bills and Authorizes Extension of Diablo Canyon \(lw.com\)](https://lw.com/california-legislature-passes-four-aggressive-climate-bills-and-authorizes-extension-of-diablo-canyon/)

Iowa political leaders, ethanol companies and investors in Summit, Navigator and Wolf are pushing hard for CO2 pipeline approval and implementation ASAP. All while California (and others) tells Iowa they will not buy our ethanol products unless we implement carbon capture at our ethanol plants. THE SAME TIME THEY halt all CO2 pipeline expansion or use in their state, until they can study "safety, efficacy and viability....." And Iowa leaders and CO2 companies proceed blindly, forcing this fraud down the Iowa public's throat.

Are you folks paying attention to this? California sees the danger to their population yet is pushing Iowa to move forward with carbon capture implementation. There is negligence and liability written all over the carbon capture implementation that most Iowans are against. Iowa Legislators are allowing this to be forced on Iowa's citizens.

Please stop the carbon capture fraud in Iowa!

Hancock County Iowa Republican Central Committee Members

Initial letter sent 1/10/2023 via email:

We, the Hancock County Republican Central Committee oppose the proposed Iowa CO2 pipelines for several reasons. We ask you all consider and discern the same.

Of the 52 Iowa counties directly affected by the proposed pipelines, **44 (85%) of County Supervisor Boards have sent letters to IUB objecting to the CO2 pipelines.** (See the attached sheet & map for more details).

First, Iowa does not have a "Carbon" problem. Carbon BENEFITS Iowa crops, trees and grasses. However, the likes of California and Canada disagree. They are attempting to control/extort Iowa agriculture.

The carbon regulations being forced on us are akin to the same non-Iowa Prop 12 regulations/control. California's Proposition 12 (Farm Animal Confinement Initiative) presently awaiting a January 2023 U.S. Supreme Court interpretation/decision for the legislation creating unfair trade of agricultural products between states. (See attached sheet for more details on Prop 12). It appears the Supreme Court may rule AGAINST Prop 12. We will see shortly.

An estimated \$10 billion taxpayer dollars are expected to fund the carbon capture (removal) from 23 ethanol companies located in Iowa. Please think about the wisdom in that.

Many of you and your constituents, especially those representing counties not directly affected by the pipeline, may be unaware of many of these details. We ask and plead with you to research and consider all info available, including the following and the attached info sheet.

What is Eminent Domain?

Eminent Domain is the power of the United States Government, states and municipalities to take private property for public use, following the payment of just compensation.

The proposed CO2 pipelines are not government projects. They are private companies trying to install privately owned pipelines through our counties. Will it benefit the general public? The answer is 'No.' It will only benefit the bank accounts of a few individuals/companies. It clearly does not meet the standards defined in the fifth amendment. Therefore, it must not be used to move this project forward. Approval granted by the IUB to allow these projects to use eminent domain expressly violates the law. We ask you carefully consider the negative ramifications of your vote.

Strain on EMS Services

Our area communities are already experiencing EMT staff shortages. Some of our towns are having to direct their calls to other towns due to staff shortages. With the increased burden of the additional hazardous material training that will be required, recruiting and retaining volunteer personnel will be difficult. We cannot afford to lose these vital services in our communities. Are these private CO2 pipeline companies willing to pay the permanent cost of additional staff and necessary equipment needed to protect the volunteers in the event of a leak? We highly doubt it. Token investments to buy influence to get the project passed will not suffice.

This is not just an ordinary pipeline. This is a colorless, odorless gas highly and dangerously pressurized, creating extreme risk. A similar CO2 pipeline ruptured in Satartia, Mississippi on February 22, 2020, nearly killing people when it found its way to this small town nearby. Many people were sickened, and they had

no warning. The response in reporting the leak was two hours. How will citizens know there is a leak before it's too late? Death occurs 4 minutes after exposure. A minimum bond of \$1 billion dollars should be required. If these conditions can't be met, the approval request for this project must be 'NO.'

CO2 Is Already A Marketable Product

CO2 is already a valuable commodity used in our daily lives. It is used to make soda pop, other beverages, dry ice and is piped into greenhouses to induce plant growth. Recent CO2 shortages have caused area establishments to post "not available due to CO2 shortage" on their machines. Why take a product already in short supply, that benefits Iowa crops, can be utilized as a salable commodity and dump it in an underground cavern in a state 100's of miles away? This will only further fuel inflation of any product which uses it. The economy is already struggling with skyrocketing costs making many things unaffordable. Why add products that use CO2 to the list?

In addition, new EPA guidelines allow for ethanol facilities to capture their CO2 and convert it to other marketable products onsite. This makes far more sense, with far less risk to the public. This is where our tax dollars should be directed, not for unnecessary private pipelines.

Drainage Issues

Hancock County is blessed to have some of the most productive soils in the state. To achieve maximum productivity, most of our farms require farm tile. We have several drainage districts in our county. One tile line collapse could affect several other neighboring farms. People who are getting nothing in return from this project could experience crop losses and reduced revenue. How will they be compensated? Will the CO2 pipeline company be there with their checkbook then? We doubt it.

The danger involved in digging near these CO2 pipelines while installing or repairing tile lines, or other utility lines, are a concern. When this project was first proposed, representatives from the pipeline companies didn't even know what pattern tile meant. It would be dangerous for a company who clearly doesn't understand Iowa agriculture to place a CO2 pipeline all the way across our state. Again, these are privately owned pipelines benefiting only a few people's/company's bank accounts. It does not benefit the public.

We, as a committee, ask that you take these considerations into account when/if you are asked to grant approval for these proposed CO2 pipelines. Can you, in good conscience say that these are in the public's best interest? Will you set a precedent of allowing eminent domain to be used for a private project only benefiting a few? California and Canada are not going to stop with their attempts to control United States livestock. Nor will they stop with ethanol/carbon capture. Next will be fertilizers, chemicals, pesticides, tillage, drainage setbacks and on and on. It should be clear that a resounding 'NO' is the correct answer.

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CO2 Pipeline Information Sheet

Iowa Counties overwhelmingly oppose:

- 52 Iowa counties have CO2 pipelines running directly thru them.
- 44 (85%) of these county's supervisors have written letters directly to the IUB **OPPOSING** the pipelines thru their counties.
- 8(15%) of these county's supervisors have sent no letters in support or opposing.
- No (-0-) county supervisors have sent letters of support to the IUB
- County Supervisor Boards know the counties and their population very well. With 85% of the counties writing to the IUB with their objection, this proves just how much our citizens are against this venture. It is creating friction within our communities and is resulting in an increasing number of counties being strong-armed & expending funds they may not have to fight the pipeline companies.
- The objections are bipartisan. Both Democrats and Republicans generally & overwhelmingly oppose.

Health/Hazard Concern's:

- CO2 is a colorless and odorless gas.
- Liquid CO2 is produced & TRANSPORTED under extreme pressurization. **It is very dangerous gas.** A resulting rupture can produce a large blast radius, with no surviving possibilities.
- CO2 gas moves with the wind (or remains in place without wind) and can travel for miles.
- Death occurs after 4 minutes of exposure.
- Our area communities are already experiencing EMT staff shortages and budget restraints.
- Extensive additional equipment, training and personnel will be required.
- A major property insurer has the following in their 'fine print:'
 "...coverages DO NOT apply to loss, cost or expense arising out of any government direction or request that the name insured: 1)test for, 2)monitor, 3) clean up, 4)remove, 5)contain, 6) treat, 7)detoxify, or 8) or neutralize pollutants..... pollutants mean any solid, liquid, gaseous or thermal irritant& waste."

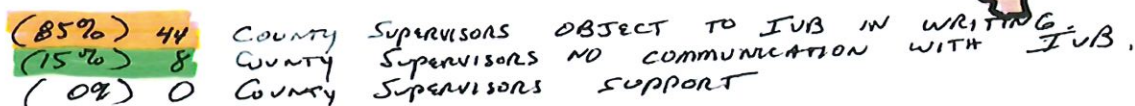
California's Proposition 12: What does this have to do with the effort to sequester Iowa ethanol CO2?

- California and Canada are trying to do the same with our ethanol industry as they are with livestock.....control our production rules, without our input.
- Prop 12 includes the following requirements of these Iowa livestock products:
 - Swine: Gestating and lactating breeding sows must be provided a minimum of 24 square feet of space per pig.
 - Veal Calves: must have a minimum of 43 square feet of space per calf.
 - Laying Hens: must be kept in cage-free housing.
- Producers residing in states other than California must abide by California's Proposition 12 mandates or 100% of these products cannot be sold in California. Conform or producers will be shut out of the California markets.
- Enter our ethanol production...conform to California & Canada's rules or Iowa ethanol will not be allowed to be sold in their state/country. They won't stop at ethanol to control OUR agriculture production.
- It is expected the U.S. Supreme Court will rule against California's Proposition 12.

Who stands to profit? (See attached "Carbon Pipeline Revolving Door" info)

- The Iowa public **LOSES**.
- Iowa environment **LOSES**.
- A select few individuals/Companies gain millions.
- Foreign investors/countries gain millions.

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The map displays the state of Iowa with its 99 counties. The major rivers are highlighted in blue and labeled: Des Moines River, Raccoon River, Big Sioux River, and Mississippi River. The state capital, Des Moines, is marked with a star. The Great Plains region is indicated by a diagonal line across the state. The map also shows the location of Des Moines, the state capital, and the Great Plains region.

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